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ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

February 24, 1993

Volume XXIV, No. 10

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes of February 10, 1993

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Vice Chairperson's Remarks

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Administrators' Remarks

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Adjournment

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Unless quotation marks are used, Senator's comments have been summarized.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Len Schmaltz called the meeting of the Academic Senate to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Jan Cook called the roll and declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 1993

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Motion to approve Academic Senate Minutes of February 10, 1993, by Stock (Second, Barker) carried on a voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Chairperson Schmaltz had two remarks.

Mary Edwards has been ill since last week and will not be present tonight. Also, the Senate tape recorder has been stolen from our storage cupboard. Efforts are being made to find a substitute. In the meantime, minutes will be taken by hand by Secretary Jan Cook. Please speak slowly and clearly, and use words easily spelled.

Because of Mary's absence, a memo to the Executive Committee was not sent out. The Executive Committee is scheduled to meet with Illinois Senator John Maitland on March 5, 1993, at 3:30 p.m. in his office to discuss the proposal for a separate governing board for ISU. Executive members who can attend are asked to notify the Academic Senate Office. Other Academic Senators may join the group if enough seats are available. Senator Maitland's office accommodates eight visitors.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

Vice Chairperson, Matt Shimkus, offered a reward for the recovery of the tape recorder.

SBBB PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Student Body President, Randy Fox, reported that in the campus election last Tuesday, 84.8% of the voters approved abolition of the Student Body Board of Directors. The new governing body will be the Student Government Association. It will replace the SBBB as of April 25, 1993.

Members of the SBBB met with representatives of student governing bodies from other Illinois public universities at Western Illinois University last weekend. They discussed the merits of individual governing boards for each campus. A new body, Illinois Students United for R... Governance for Education, (ISURGE) was established. The group will meet again in April.

ADMINISTRATORS' REMARKS

President Wallace said,

"The materials for the March 2nd IBHE meeting, containing state appropriated expenditure data for the public universities for FY 1990 to FY 1992, have been distributed throughout the state. Given the publicity over the last year and a half, I am pleased with how the data places the University relative to the other public universities.

Included in the new data are:

1. The percent of Illinois State University expenditure for instruction is above the state average.
2. The percents of University's expenditure for research and public service are below the state averages for research and public service.
3. The percent for the University's total primary functions or instruction, research and public service is exactly at the state average.
4. The report on expenditure for research for FY1992 was of particular interest to us as Illinois State's ratio of non-state support to state support of research was 1.09. The 1.09 ratio was third highest among doctoral granting institutions with only the two campuses of the University of Illinois exceeding Illinois State. This ratio means that for every state dollar spent to support research at Illinois State, the University brought in \$1.09 from non-state sources.

Keeping in mind that the mission of the institutions being compared are very different and that there is really no inherent rationale for any given institution to be satisfied with being at, above, or below any of these state averages, being properly "politically" placed in these displays of public university data does minimize criticism by people who do not understand the higher education enterprise."

Senator Weber: The data on research dollars is comparing external vs. appropriated funds?

President Wallace: Yes. The state made 9% profit.

Senator Semlak: Was ISU's cost per credit hour reported?

President Wallace: Not in the report I have cited.

Provost Strand's Remarks: "As we have gone through budget exercises, Senators have asked about the process used. President Wallace had different expectations for each Vice Presidential area to meet. The cuts were NOT across the board for the Vice Presidential areas, nor for the Colleges in the Academic area. "The budgets of the five colleges with faculty constitute 80.3% of the appropriated funds in the academic area. The five colleges with faculty contributed 22.6% of the total academic area budget reduction. If the budget reduction had been applied "across the board," the contribution by the five colleges with faculty would have been \$1,164,350, instead of the \$327,876 which was actually contributed."

Vice President Gurowitz had no remarks.

Vice President Alexander had no remarks.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Appointment of Student to the Council for Teacher Education

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Motion by Shimkus (Second, Weber) to approve the appointment of student, Clara Young, to the Council for Teacher Education, passed on a voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Telecommunications Management Bachelor's Degree Proposal

Senator Walker introduced Dr. Larry Eggan, Dean Betty Chapman, and Dr. Ron Fortune, who joined the Senators at the table. He directed the Senators to discard the copy of the proposal marked December 1, 1992, and refer to the New Proposal distributed during the past week.

Senator Walker: Academic Affairs discussed this proposal very thoroughly with Dr. Eggan. Questions and concerns raised by the committee were answered satisfactorily. The Budget Committee also examined the proposal.

Senator Cook: The program appears to be a good one, but expensive to start up. The Budget Committee was concerned that it requires \$277,000 in new funds, of which \$59,000 comes from reallocation in the College of Applied Science and Technology, and \$138,000 from new state funds. Given the current economy, we considered the prospect of new state dollars to be problematical.

It would be desirable if the proportion of new dollars obtained from donations were higher, but we recognize that it is difficult to obtain substantial corporate support for a program that has not even been approved. Finally, we concluded that, when the proposal reaches the action stage, we will recommend approval with the stipulation that no more than \$60,000 of the new money needed will come from ISU internal reallocation.

Senator Zeidenstein: Is the Budget Committee saying that ISU will contribute at most \$60,000 or that CAST will?

Senator Cook: ISU.

Senator Ken Strand: Why did the Budget Committee choose the figure \$60,000?

Senator Cook: That approximate amount has already been identified as being available. We felt it impolitic to ask the rest of the University to provide reallocated funds for this purpose at a time when budgets are being cut.

Dr. Eggan: The \$277,000 is the minimum amount needed to start the program. We feel that this is exactly the type of program that Illinois State should be offering, and that the State of Illinois should be supporting. They have a responsibility to fund programs in valuable new technologies when those programs are not currently available in the state.

Reallocation won't cover the costs. The ACS Department certainly can't do it. The \$60,000 is a crystal ball estimate, as is the corporate donation figure. Getting \$80,000 from companies is possible, but won't be easy. Their donations, however, will send the state a message that they should support the program also.

Senator Ken Strand: Often external support is withdrawn eventually. Could that happen in this case?

Dr. Eggan: Certainly. But in computing, predicting the position of the discipline in two years is hard enough. Predicting funding is a bit harder.

Senator Hesse: On page 8 in objective five you require one of two English courses. Have you talked to the English Department about staffing those classes?

Dr. Eggan: No, not directly.

Senator Hesse: On page 13 you have enrollment estimates. How were they derived?

Dr. Eggan: Not by computer simulation, unfortunately. We looked at our majors who were likely to switch for the starting enrollment.

Dr. Fortune: We also surveyed outside demand.

Senator Hesse: How does this proposal look to the Communications Department?

Dr. Eggan: See the table on page 36. We use only one course from Communication, COM 223. Our current majors all take that course. We have established a good relationship with the Communication Department.

Senator Hoffmann: On page 25 there is a reference to additional income generated by increase in Compucard fees. Is there a plan to raise those fees to support this program?

Dr. Eggan: No, the rate would remain the same, but because of this major more students would be buying compucards.

Senator Kaiser: On page 5, there are 73 required credit hours, 22-24 general hours, and 27 hours in University Studies. The University requires 48 hours of University Studies, so the students will have to take 21 university study hours that are not covered in this program. That's a total of 116 to 118 hours specified, and only 2 hours of electives for students in this

program. Did Academic Affairs Committee discuss this issue?

Senator Walker: Yes. There are some elective hours among the 73.

Senator Kaiser: But those "electives" are all related to telecommunication.

Senator Walker: This is a very broad program, with many diverse departments included.

Senator Kaiser: A student who starts as a sophomore may need five years to finish.

Senator Walker: Yes. Many majors are like that.

Dr. Eggan: This program has 34 hours in ACS and 39 in other areas. It has much greater breadth than other ISU majors.

Senator Johnson: With regard to the Budget Committee's proposal, does the \$60,000 include CAST's \$59,000?

Senator Cook: Yes.

Senator Thomas: If no new state funding is forthcoming, what will happen?

President Wallace: We can't predict internal reallocations. If we think it worthwhile, it will be subject to the same priorities as other areas. We have talked with Erickson, who provides our telephone system. They are very enthusiastic. The program has good chances of support. But any new program is a risk. I think industry will contribute more than \$80,000. I also predict that the program will attract a large number of majors.

Senator Razaki: Dynamic changes in the world at large make this what we need, not only for students but for society as a whole.

Dr. Eggan: President Clinton and Vice President Gore talk about the importance of telecommunications in America's future. There may well be opportunities for federal funding. There is potential for synergism for the whole universe.

2. Conservation Biology Sequence

Senator Walker introduced and seated Angelo Caparello and Tony Liberta of Biology.

Senator Walker: This proposal is for a sequence, not a major. Also described is a proposed core for the Master's in Biology,

but that is not what we are considering. The Senate only approves new sequences. We approved this proposal. The Budget Committee examined it also.

Senator Cook: Discussions with the Biology faculty made it clear that this proposal will not change the number of Master's degree students in the program, and so there is no new money involved.

There were no questions.

3. Administrative Affairs Committee Recommendation to Abolish the Facilities Planning Committee

Senator Hesse for the Administrative Affairs Committee: You have in your packet our proposal to abolish the Facilities Planning Committee and redirect some reporting functions through the Administrative Affairs Committee. The role of the Facilities Planning Committee has been a recurring question, reintroduced by the Efficiency Committee. Interviews with Mr. Richard Runner supported this proposal.

Senator Borg: "A timely manner" is mentioned. What is "timely?" How is the Senate to be kept informed?

Vice President Alexander: We will develop a calendar.

Senator Borg: Should the Rules Committee be involved?

Senator Nelsen, for the Rules Committee: Rules discovered that no other committee in the Blue Book has a calendar in the book. Is it a Rules task to produce calendars?

Senator Hesse: Our Chair was being courteous to Rules, but did not intend to impose new tasks upon the committee.

Chairperson Schmaltz: "Timeliness" of reports customarily is monitored by the Executive Committee.

Senator Hesse: Does the Rules Committee have a time line in the making for its report to the Senate?

Chairperson Schmaltz: The Executive Committee will stimulate Rules.

Senator Nelsen: I assume that the Facilities Planning Committee provided faculty and student input into the development of Facilities Plans. Will they still have input into plan development, or just receive results?

Senator Hesse: We could assign that participatory function to Administrative Affairs Committee.

Parliamentarian Cohen: This proposal will entail a change in the Senate's Bylaws, which will require a 2/3 majority for approval.

Senator Walker: Who is doing this work now? We've been told that the committee has ceased to meet.

Mr. Runner: The committee had some half dozen functions, which are currently handled by consultation with many bodies. I coordinate the activities.

NO COMMUNICATIONS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Walker had no report. We are winding up for the year.

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Hesse had no report.

BUDGET COMMITTEE - Senator Cook had no report. We are still looking at Summer Session.

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Newby had no report. We will meet tonight.

RULES COMMITTEE - Senator Fryda had no report.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Senator Hoffmann congratulated Senators Barker and Mousavi, who were reelected. He wished everyone a happy spring break.

ADJOURNMENT

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Motion to adjourn by Barker (Second, Stock) carried on a voice vote. Academic Senate adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

FOR THE ACADEMIC SENATE
JAN COOK, SECRETARY

